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BAR-SHAPED LIGHT GUIDE, LIGHT-ILLUMINATING

DEVICE INCORPORATED WITH THE BAR-SHAPED LIGHT GUIDE AND CONTACT-TYPE IMAGE SENSOR

INCORPORATED WITH THE LINE-ILLUMINATING DEVICE

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Sir:

In connection with the referenced patent application, and further to the amendment dated 17 September 2003, applicant encloses facsimile copies of the required Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.63, and the Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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